GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:537
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ACHIEVEMENTS UNDER SGSY
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the targets set in the Approach Paper to the Tenth Plan for reduction of poverty and creation of high quality gainful employment during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) whether the Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) is intended to provide benefits to Schedule Castes, Schedule Tribes, disabled and women headed households;

(c) if so, the extent to which SGSY has been able to provide benefits to these sections separately; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government to accelerate identification of BPL families to give them the benefit of gainful employment?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DR. RAGHUVANSH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF STARRED QUESTION NO.537 FOR ANSWER ON 11.05.2007.

(a)The Tenth Five Year Plan set a target for reduction of poverty ratio by 5 percentage points by 2007 and by 15 percentage points by 2012. Accordingly it was targeted to create 50 million employment opportunities during the Tenth Five Year Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir. The objective of the SGSY is to bring the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families above the poverty line. The SGSY particularly focuses on the vulnerable groups among the rural poor. The guidelines of the SGSY stipulate that 50% of the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) formed in each block should be exclusively for the women and 40% of the swarozgaris assisted should be women. SC/STs should account for at least 50% of the total swarozgaris assisted, and the disabled persons will account for 3% of the total swarozgaris assisted.

(c)A statement indicating physical progress of SC / STs, disabled and women under the SGSY, since inception, is at Annexure-I.

(d) The Ministry of Rural Development had issued the guidelines to identify the Below Poverty Line (BPL) families in the rural areas in 2002 itself, however, due to the stay order passed by the Hon`ble Supreme Court, the exercise could not be completed as originally planned. Subsequent to the vacating of the stay order on 14.2.2006, the matter has been taken up with the State Governments to expedite the finalization of the new BPL list based on the BPL Census 2002.